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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel
Energy, for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas
Rates

4220-UR-114

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant Supplemental Direct Testimony Due:	August 15, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.
Intervenor and Staff Testimony Due (except for Commission rates staff)	October 12, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.
Rates Testimony Due:	October 19, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.
All Rebuttal Testimony Due:	October 26, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.
All Surrebuttal Testimony Due:	October 31, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.
Technical Hearing Date:	November 1, 2005
Technical Hearing Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)
Public Hearing Date:	November 2, 2005
Public Hearing Locations:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor) Chippewa Valley Technical College, Gateway Campus, 2320 Alpine Road, Eau Claire, WI UW LaCrosse, 102 Wing Technology Center, 1725 State Street, LaCrosse, WI

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1. The Commission will hold a technical hearing on **November 1, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.** and continuing at such times as may be set by the Administrative Law Judge at the following location:

Public Service Commission Building
610 North Whitney Way
Amnicon Falls Hearing Room - First Floor
Madison, Wisconsin

The Commission will hold a public hearing by video conference on **November 2, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** at the following locations:

Public Service Commission Building
610 North Whitney Way
Amnicon Falls Hearing Room - First Floor
Madison, Wisconsin

Chippewa Valley Technical College
Gateway Campus, Room 130
2320 Alpine Road
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

UW-LaCrosse
102 Wing Technology Center
1725 State Street
LaCrosse, Wisconsin

2. The hearings are held pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02, 196.03, 196.20 and 196.37.
3. The subject matter of the hearing is the June 1, 2005, application of Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy (NSPW), requesting authority to increase electric rates (\$40.8 million or 10.3 percent on average) and natural gas rates (\$7.0 million or 4.4 percent on average) in such amounts as will produce annual revenues sufficient to meet operating expenses and maintain a just and reasonable return on common stock equity so that it is able to assure reasonable and adequate service to retail electric and natural gas customers in its service area.
4. The issues for hearing are:
 - Should the Commission grant in whole or in part NSPW's request for authority to increase electric and natural gas rates?
 - What is the utility's revenue requirement?
 - What is the cost of service to each of the customer classes?
 - What is the proper rate design?
5. The schedule for prefilings, service and filing of testimony by parties and Commission staff is as follows:

Applicant supplemental direct testimony was due August 15, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

Intervenor and Staff testimony (except for Commission rates staff) is due **October 12, 2005, at 4 p.m.**

Commission staff testimony on rates is due **October 19, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.**

All rebuttal testimony is due **October 26, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.**

All surrebuttal testimony is due **October 31, 2005, at noon.**

Service is to be made electronically and is complete on transmission.

6. Objections with the reasons therefore to the admission of party or staff direct testimony shall be filed on October 26, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. Objections with the reasons therefore to the admission of rebuttal testimony shall be filed October 31, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

7. A person does not have to be a party to testify at the public hearing.

In lieu of testifying orally at the public hearing, a person may submit written comments. Written comments shall be limited to the writer's personal knowledge or personal opinions. All written comments shall include the phrase "Docket 4220-UR-114 Comments" in a heading, and shall be addressed to:

Docket 4220-UR-114 Comments
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

The Commission will accept written comments:

- Delivered by mail postmarked from the date of this Notice to November 2, 2005;
- Submitted at the November 2, 2005, Public Hearing
- Filed electronically by typing the following path in your browser:
<http://psc.wi.gov/apps/dockets/publiccomment.aspx>.

Written comments offered by a person in lieu of testifying orally are subject to objection as if they were offered orally. Objections will be heard prior to the admission into the record of the written comments. A person offering written comments should understand that their comments, if objected to, may not be admitted into the record. Persons who have doubts about the admissibility of their written comments should plan to testify at the public hearing.

8. This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. 227.01(3) (a).

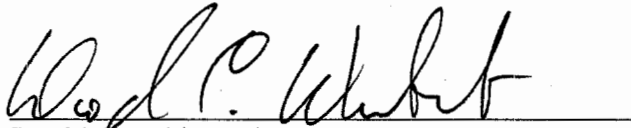
9. The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

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10. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Candice Spanjar at (608) 267-9537.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, 23rd day of September 2005

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David C. Whitcomb", written over a horizontal line.

David C. Whitcomb
Administrative Law Judge

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